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Remarks/Arguments

This paper is submitted responsive to the Decision on Appeal mailed October 18, 2005.

In the aforesaid Decision, the rejection of claims 1-4 was affirmed and the rejection of claims 5-16 was reversed. By the present amendment, claims 1-4 have been cancelled leaving only claims 5-16 pending. It is believed that these claims are now in proper form for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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